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For : Two Phase Thermally Deformable Biocompatible Absorbable Polymer  
Matrix for Use in Medical Devices

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**AMENDMENT**

This response is filed in reply to the Office Action dated October 18, 2002. With the petition for a 3-month extension of time filed herewith this response is timely filed. Claims 21-25 are present in the application. Claims 21-25 have been rejected. Applicants respectfully request that the amendment be entered and the application be reconsidered in view of the following comments.